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SUBJECT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWAL:  
TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION

REFS: (A) STATE 103431; (B) NICOSIA 1410; (C) STATE 122382;  
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SUMMARY: CHELIK INSISTS ON GOING TO NEW YORK FOR UNSC DEBATE.  
HE CANNOT GIVE FIRM ASSURANCE NOT TO RAISE ECONOMIC WARFARE  
ISSUE IN THE DEBATE, BUT WILL DECIDE ON ACTUAL CONTENT OF HIS  
SPEECH AFTER HE HEARS GOC PRESENTATION. DENKTASH IS BEGINNING  
TO FEEL THAT ECONOMIC VIABILITY FOR TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY  
IS PREREQUISITE FOR ANY AGREEMENT WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS ON  
CYPRUS PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM MET WITH "TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK MAY 31 TO DISCUSS UNSC  
DEBATE ON UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWAL. DCM USED TALKING POINTS  
PARA 2 REF A, AND REF C. DCM POINTED OUT THAT IF CHELIK DID  
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NOT GO TO NEW YORK CHRISTOPHIDES WOULD NOT GO AND IT  
WOULD BE MORE LIKELY THAT DEBATE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON  
MANDATE RENEWAL AND NOT INVOLVE UNDESIREABLE RHETORIC ON  
CYPRUS QUESTION ITSELF.

2. CHELIK RESPONDED THAT HE WAS ALREADY COMMITTED TO GO  
TO NEW YORK. HE HAS OTHER APPOINTMENTS IN NEW YORK AT

THE SAME TIME AND ALSO MUST GO TO LONDON NEXT WEEK. FURTHER, HE WOULD RATHER HAVE GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES PRESENT IN NEW YORK FOR DEBATE. CHRISTOPHIDES IS "MORE RESPONSIBLE" THAN GOC PERMREP ROSSIDES.

3. CHELIK AGREED FULLY WITH PARA 2 REF A, AND PARTICULARLY THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THE UNSC DEBATE COULD BE LIMITED TO UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWAL. BEFORE THE EVENTS OF MAY 23-27 HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSURE US THAT HE WOULD NOT RAISE OTHER ISSUES. WITH THE ARREST OF THE DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN; THE DENIAL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT TRAVELERS; AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, HE WOULD NOW BE REQUIRED TO RAISE THE ISSUE IN NEW YORK. SHIP CAPTAIN PROBLEM WAS MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE FAMAGUSTA IS THE LIFE LINE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY; IF FOREIGN SHIPS WILL NOT COME TO THE PORT, TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL BE UNABLE TO EXPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, SOME OF WHICH IS READY FOR SHIPMENT NOW, AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO IMPORT BASIC REQUIREMENTS.

4. CHELIK NOTED GOC SPOKESMAN WILL SPEAK FIRST IN UNSC. IF THAT SPEECH IS MODERATE AND DOES NOT REFER TO EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES, CHELIK'S RESPONSE WILL BE EQUALLY TEMPERATE. DCM ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT IF GREEK CYPRIOTS CONFINE THEIR STATEMENT TO SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OF UNFICYP MANDATE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN UNSC DEBATE, CHELIK COULD REFRAIN FROM ANY MENTION

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OF ECONOMIC QUESTION. CHELIK AVOIDED A DIRECT ANSWER, BUT DID SAY HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS IDEA WITH DENKTASH. IF HE HAD TIME, HE WOULD CALL DCM BACK TO LET HIM KNOW THE OUTCOME OF THAT DISCUSSION.

5. DCM QUESTIONED WHETHER RECENT GREEK CYPRIOT ACTIONS HAD REAL ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE. CHELIK HAD TO CONCEDE THAT FOREIGN SHIPS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN FAMAGUSTA AND SAID EVEN IF THEY DID NOT, TURKISH CYPRIOTS COULD EXIST ECONOMICALLY BY TRADE WITH TURKEY. REAL PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS POLITICAL. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE USING THE FACT THAT THEIR ADMINISTRATION IS RECOGNIZED AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT FOR ALL OF CYPRUS AS A PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO ATTACK TURKISH CYPRIOTS. TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IS THUS NONEXISTENT IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD. ONLY RECOURSE IS FOR TURK CYPRIOTS TO USE WHATEVER FORUM THEY CAN TO POINT OUT THAT THEY ARE A COMMUNITY WHICH HAS A BASIC RIGHT OF SURVIVAL AND WHICH REQUIRES NORMAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

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6. CHELIK WENT ON TO SAY THAT ECONOMIC CONDITION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS IS NOW MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO DENKTASH AND HIS SENIOR ADVISORS THAN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES. DENKTASH IS COMING TO BELIEVE THAT AN ECONOMICALLY VIABLE NORTHERN CYPRUS MUST BE PREREQUISITE TO, NOT A RESULT OF, A SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. TURKISH CYPRIOTS CAN ONLY ACHIEVE THE SELF-CONFIDENCE REQUIRED TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IF THEY FEEL THEY ARE NOT THREATENED ECONOMICALLY AND WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AFTER AN AGREEMENT. EVERY GREEK CYPRIOT ACTION THAT DISRUPTS THE ECONOMY OF THE NORTH ONLY PUSHES TURKISH CYPRIOTS FARTHER AWAY FROM AN AGREEMENT.

7. ILLUSTRATING THIS, CHELIK GAVE MORE DETAILS ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEMS NOW BEING EXPERIENCED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS. UNTIL RECENTLY, TWO FOREIGN BANKS, BARCLAYS AND GRINDLAYS, OPERATED BRANCHES IN THE NORTH OF CYPRUS WITHOUT BEING REGULATED BY "TFSC MINISTRY OF FINANCE." THIS HAD BEEN  
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OF BENEFIT TO THE BANKS AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. TURK CYPRIOT TRAVELERS PURCHASED NORMAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATIONS FROM THESE BANKS IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO GOC CENTRAL BANK ISSUED AN INSTRUCTION TO THESE TWO COMMERCIAL BANKS THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER ISSUE REGULAR FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATIONS TO PERSONS (A) WITHOUT VALID GOC PASSPORTS OR (B) WHO WOULD BE DEPARTING CYPRUS BY "ILLEGAL PORTS." CHELIK SAID " THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GREEK CYPRIOTS USING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

8. IN AN INTERESTING VEGNETTE, CHELIK SAID THAT DURING RECENT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, HE AND DENKTASH HAD A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME TOGETHER AND HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR DENKTASH TO WRITE A LETTER TO MAKARIOS PROPOSING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF SOME TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, DENKTASH CONSIDERED ASKING MAKARIOS FOR A SUPPLY OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PASSPORTS WHICH WOULD BE ISSUED BY TURK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES. DENKTASH HAD TWO OR THREE OTHER IDEAS FOR MINOR BUT SYMBOLIC MEANS OF COOPERATION AND HAD JOTTED NOTES IN PREPARATION FOR WRITING THE LETTER. ON THEIR RETURN TO CYPRUS DENKTASH AND CHELIK FOUND THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD JUST ARRESTED THE DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN AND TAKEN THE ACTION ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE; THE IDEA OF THE LETTER WAS DROPPED.

9 COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT CHELIK WILL GO TO NEW YORK. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN HE WILL FEEL CONSTRAINED (OR WILL BE INSTRUCTED) TO RAISE THE ECONOMIC WARFARE QUESTION IN THE UNSC. HE MAY MODULATE THE TONE OF HIS SPEECH IF THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESENTATION IS MODERATE. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON RESULTS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH DENKTASH REGARDING OUR PROPOSAL THAT HE NOT DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL

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EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES AT THE UNFICYP DEBATE. HE DEPARTS CYPRUS JUNE 2, HOWEVER; IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO AVE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH HIM BEFORE THEN. END COMMENT. CRAWFORD

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